

April 29<sup>th</sup> 2013

Chairperson LaFontaine and House Natural Resources Committee members:

With great concern for the future of wildlife and wildlife habitat, and as a resident of the Upper Peninsula and citizen of this State of Michigan, I urge the House of Representatives to oppose Senate Bill 288 as it is written. SB 288 was to be a legislative foray into the promotion of sound science in the arena of wildlife management. It hasn't taken long to see that the gray wolf has become central focus for both sides of the issue. There is much we still do not understand in regard to the gray wolf and its role in Michigan, economically and biologically. I supported the Keep Michigan Wolves Protected campaign because it gave us time. I oppose SB 288 as it is written because the bill gives us neither time, nor science.

I realize that as a Representative of the Upper Peninsula it might be difficult to oppose SB 288. It might appear as though one has turned their back on the acts of depredation and threats to human safety that occasionally befall our residents. But there exists no scientific rationale that suggests a random hunt would mitigate instances of nuisance wolf activity. Recently, I myself have been accused of being too nice or too kind when discussing our UP legislators in relation to this matter. I feel as though logic and understanding are a more accurate interpretation of my actions over the last week. Today, I ask this of you as well.

I can not fault you for the decisions one must make at the end of the day with the best intentions of constituent needs in mind. Where I can and will find fault, is if such decisions are made without complete understanding of an issue that also lacks a transparent attempt to represent both sides of a constituency. That to me, is the definition of misrepresentation. Misrepresentation must not be tolerated. How many of you are aware of the biological carrying capacity in regard to the gray wolf in the Upper Peninsula? How many of you are aware that the DNR has yet to provide data that illustrates lethal and non-lethal measures were ineffective?

The transfer of this great responsibility to designate species of Michigan's natural resources as game to a politically appointed body should not be taken lightly. The consequences of such decisions hold the capacity to affect outcomes of a biological, economic, and socio-political nature. If the aforementioned bill is truly part of the "scientific wildlife management" package, I ask that science be brought to the table. I urge you to do your best to represent all of us within the discussion of these bills. Only then should these bill be voted upon. Today, I urge you to oppose SB 288.

Sincerely,

Adam Robarge  
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## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Sherry Fent <sherfent@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 12:01 AM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** Oppose SB 288

**Importance:** High

Hello:

I cannot be there in person tomorrow to speak against SB 288, but will repeat what I have said to Rep. Singh and Governor Snyder:

As a concerned, lifelong Michigan citizen, I am asking you to oppose both S.B. 288 and H.B. 4552, which would take away our constitutional right to have a voice regarding management of Michigan's wildlife.

S.B. 288 and H.B. 4552 would put the authority to determine the fate of Michigan's wildlife in the hands of the Legislature and the non-elected Natural Resources Commission, preventing voters from intervening. The Commission could open a new hunting season on any species, with no public input.

Â This issue is not just about preserving wildlife, it is about maintaining our faith in our democratic process. I have always encouraged our daughters to vote and told them that their voice matters, even though so many people are dropping out of the whole process and our voting numbers are dwindling. I cannot look my daughters in their eyes and say that their vote and their voices matter when our legislators are saying the opposite to the 255,000 people who signed a petition that would allow Michigan citizens to vote on this issue.

As a Michigander, my family and I enjoy the tradition of "Pure Michigan"-- a state that is bountiful in nature and wildlife, and a state where people have always had a voice in the management of our wilderness and wildlife. We must protect that right! You must protect it for yourselves and your own families.

Please, let the people vote, let us decide and put some faith in our voices. Oppose SB 288/HB 4552. Thank you.

Sherry Fent  
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April 30, 2013

Dear Members of the Michigan House Natural Resources Committee:

I'm writing this letter in regards to Senate Bill SB 288. I would like to express my opposition to this bill and am requesting that the committee members vote "NO" on this bill for the following reasons.

SB 288 circumvents the legislative process and takes away the representation of the public by elected officials. The Natural Resources Commission is an appointed body has no accountability to the Michigan voters.

Secondly, the Natural Resources Commission contains only one member who has any scientific background. Decisions regarding wildlife need to have both scientific and public input.

Lastly, Michiganders recently submitted over 250,000 signatures requesting that PA 520 and the addition of wolves to the game species list be voted on in 2014 and the passing of SB 288 will undermine the democratic process of the public to have a say in wildlife management.

I urge you to look out for the best interest of all wildlife and the democratic process by voting no on SB 288.

Sincerely,

Donald Hughes

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## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Joanne sobczak <tutor\_j@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 1:34 AM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** Save life in every form. Stop SB 288

To Whom It May Concern:

Over 253,000 people do not want SB 288 to be enacted. One, they want to protect a species from going back on the endangered species list. Two, they want their voter rights protected.

In my case, I just can't stand the violence, the killing, anymore. How can you pick people not agreed upon by the people to determine which living thing lives or dies---and in an irresponsibly cruel way in some cases.

We want to teach our children to be kind and peaceful but then create a law that says shoot whatever you like.

This law creates a scenario no different than those target practice violent games they watch.

What sick sad world we live in.

Joanne Sobczak  
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Sent from my iPhone

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Jessica Meyer <jlynnep@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 2:08 AM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** SB 288

Dear Ms. Brewer,

Since I cannot be in Lansing to voice opinion in person, I would like to express to you in email my fervent opposition to this bill. As a lifelong Michigan resident and lover of wildlife, I believe strongly that we must be able to vote on an issue as important as hunting a species who, until just recently, was nearly made only a memory in our state.

If we value democracy and native wildlife in our state, we simply must be able to vote on this. The idea that a non-elected committee could make this decision for us is very scary indeed.

Thank you.

Jessica Meyer

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Heather Grace <cheagrace@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 5:32 AM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** Against SB 288

I am strongly opposed to SB 288. I have watched this war on our wildlife unfold from the beginning and I am astounded at the speed and determination to bring the wolf to a hunt. I have seen the photos from our surrounding states and rest assured, this is not what we need here. I was one of the over 2,000 volunteers that braved the bad weather because I feel strongly that this is wrong. The majority of people that I spoke with feel strongly as I do. Our wolves need to be protected.

I have heard the stories of a town living in fear, afraid to leave their homes, their children on perpetual lockdown. This sounds like the National Guard should be called in, not a hunting season. Until you talk to residents who live there, who are against a wolf hunt. And you realize the fear isn't of children being stolen from their bed. It's the good ol boy mentality. I ask you to stand and be a protector of wildlife against the hunt.

The blood from our surrounding states has made itself known. Thanks to Face book, now hunters gloating over piles of bodies, hunters grinning over wolves trapped in leg holds while they stay a cowards distance are known. I assure you, the people of this state are concerned and we should not be ignored.

Sincerely,  
Heather Grace

Kristie L. Bonner  
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RE: SB 288

April 29, 2013

Dear Committee,

First, thank you for allowing me to address the Committee on SB 288. I was hoping this day would not come after the months of work I personally put into this campaign, but here we are. Let me explain a little bit about me. I have never worked on a campaign before or been involved in a cause I have felt so deeply moved by. I have never gathered signatures or stood on the steps of the Capital building to rally. But, now I can say I have.

Senate Bill 288 struck a chord with me; a very negative chord. I am not an activist, but a person with a heart. I spent each weekend collecting signatures to save Michigan's wolves from an open hunt. I collected 1,438 signatures and spoke with 100s of more people who didn't sign for various reasons or were not voters or ignored me completely. Talk about a humbling experience when another human being won't even acknowledge you as a person as you stand in 20 degree weather with the snow coming down. But, this fight is not about me. This fight is about what is morally and ethically right.

Whether you are a hunter or not is your decision. I personally do not hunt as I want to enjoy nature alive and well and I have never understood the "sport" or the thrill of killing. I want others to enjoy nature for generations to come. I feel that I can appreciate all living creatures and that they have as much right to be on this earth as I do. We all want to be free and happy. Cutting short the lives of other beings, whether they are human or animal is not my decision or my right. Killing is not a right!

Sen. Casperson has stated that he doesn't care about the rest of Michigan; only his constituents. While that may appear to be a noble endeavor, the fact is, his actions affect all of Michigan. I did live in the Upper Peninsula for several years, but have made my home in Metro Detroit. The stories and panic I hear about wolves out of control are so exaggerated, it is comical. Depending on whom you ask those same stories run rampant within the City of Detroit. Your children are not safe at the bus stop and maybe we should have a controlled hunt there. Yes, that is a very flippant argument, but so is the argument that wolves are attacking our children.

When I was a very small girl, I cut the Big Bad Wolf's pictures out of my Little Red Riding Hood book. SB 288 is attempting to do the same thing with the wolves in Michigan. It seems as though engaging in non-lethal solutions is just too much work for residents, but turning around and immediately allowing a hunt is an opportunist and cowardly act.

Whether you believe in hunting or "controlling" the wolf population, this SB 288 has turned into taking away the rights of Michigan's voters. When I was collecting signatures, I was told many times the importance of bringing this issue to a vote. It did not matter what the opinion on the wolf hunt was, but rather that voters had the right to make such a decision. The travesty here is that more than 230,000 signatures were gathered to prove that voters want their voices heard. In a very calculated scheme, these same voters were silenced. The political game was very well played.

In these final hours before a decision is made and a vote is cast, I urge you to listen to what voters have said over and over. Let them, all of us, speak up on behalf of what the State of Michigan wants to see. Vote NO on SB 288 and allow democracy to ring true.

With Regards,

Kristie Bonner

**Joy Brewer**

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**From:** J. Winkowski <jwsnowyplains@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 5:44 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** Testimony - April 30, 2013, House Committee on Natural Resources

**Testimony - April 30, 2013, House Committee on Natural Resources**

From: Jacqueline and James Winkowski, 270 Flodin Road, Gwinn, MI 49841 - phone 906-249-1011

Dear Committee Members,

**Please Reject SB 288**

Though the waters have been muddied by our legislators, as you know, Senate Bill 288 is about rendering ineffective the signatures of about 250,000 registered voters who signed petitions to place the question of the gray wolf as a game animal on the ballot. Signatures of registered voters were gathered--by registered voters--in every county of Michigan. All those of us who circulated and signed petitions want is to exercise our right to vote on this issue in November 2014. A great deal of resources, time, work, and trust in our laws went into this effort.

SB 288 will allow only the legislature and the politically-appointed NRC to decide which species (including, of course, the wolf) are hunted, with no chance for voters to appeal. This is a major grab of power away from the people of Michigan. To introduce this Bill was punitive and wrong.

We urge you to put politics aside and do the right thing: **Vote NO on SB 288.**

Sincerely,  
Jacqueline and James Winkowski



April 29, 2013

**Letter of Testimony Regarding H.B. 4552 and S.B. 288 – OPPOSED  
Offered by Kristin Goodchild of Parchment, MI  
President, Kalamazoo Humane Society Board of Directors**

I was deeply disappointed to learn of the Senate's overall vote of support of S.B. 288 last week and the bill's speedy advance to the House Natural Resources Committee.

It is even more disappointing to me that this bill was so swiftly introduced in what certainly seems to indicate an immediate response to the recent submission of over 255,000 individual signatures from citizens collected by over 2,000 volunteers from across Michigan opposing the passage of H.B. 5834 and S.B. 1350.

As one of those signature gatherers and as President of the Kalamazoo Humane Society board, I can personally attest to you that being on the ground, talking to citizen after citizen, (I personally collected over a thousand of the signatures submitted, which equates to over a thousand individual conversations about the issue) confirmed that there is overwhelming opposition by citizens to wolf hunting.

***This is a passionate issue for citizens because the wildlife in this state do not belong just to the Upper Peninsula or the Lower Peninsula, nor do they belong to the DNR or legislators – the wildlife in this state are important natural resources that 'belong' in trust to the people. Therefore, the people's voice should be heard on how wildlife is managed in our state.***

S.B. 288 is clearly a blatant display of political bullying that will put Michigan's declining wolf population further at risk and threaten the protection of other wildlife species. The bill itself was introduced on the same day that wildlife managers reported that Michigan's still-recovering wolf population has dropped.

I've read the supporting arguments for this bill and though they may seem 'compelling' as written without questioning the information as presented, there are many substantial holes missing in the claims made.

I ask the members of the House:

When will the appropriate level of vetting of information happen before such swift and blanketed action is taken on such issues?

Where is the science to support the claims made in favor of these bills?

When will legislators listen to the voice of the people on such issues? Clearly, a voice has been made that already represents a majority of voters!

How will you respond to your constituents that have worked so hard to have their voices heard on this issue?

This bill is unwarranted, misguided and unnecessary.

Please, members of the House, take a stand against this legislation that is presented by a very small, vocal minority that will undermine majority citizen opinion. **Please vote no on H.B. 4552 and S.B. 288.**

Sincerely,

Kristin Goodchild  
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Parchment, MI 49004  
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President, Kalamazoo Humane Society Board

**Joy Brewer**

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**From:** Judith Satterthwaite <goddardenterprises@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 8:19 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** HR 4552 - Please reconsider and/or rewrite

I would like to express my dismay and unhappiness at the way this bill (SB 288 & HB 4552) was conceived, written and pushed through our Michigan Legislature.

As a concerned citizen who worked to put this issue on the ballot for 2014, this is a blatant disregard of my wishes and rights. The bill should not have been introduced at all...but if it was, it should have included some parameters and guidelines. Our natural world and our environment are NOT to be politicized and I believe that is what has happened.

Why should ONE senator from ONE district have so much power? I truly believe the wolves...and possibly other wildlife are being targeted unnecessarily. The DNR is NOT populated by conservationist or even scientists who have the correct knowledge to make wise decisions.

I am asking that this bill be turned down or at least rewritten to include better guidelines and specifics. Please don't allow killing of our wild animals when they have done nothing to deserve it.

If this bill continues as is, it will be further proof that a few people with power can negate the true will of the people of the State of Michigan.

Yours truly,

Judith Satterthwaite  
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Rochester, MI 48306

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** meg briarton <gembackwards@wowway.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 8:24 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** S.B. 288 and H.B. 4552

Ms. Brewer

I would like to express my concern over Michigan S.B. 288 and H.B. 4552.

These bills are unfair and circumvent the wishes of Michigan voters. I respectfully ask that the House vote "no."

Thank you for your time.

Meg Briarton  
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Clinton Twp, Michigan

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** marilyn.childers@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 9:26 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** House Natural Resources Committee

Dear Ms. Brewer,

I ask that you submit my adamant opposition of trophy hunting of Michigan Wolves to the House Natural Resources Committee. It is my understanding that Representative LaFontaine, is trying to push this bill to be heard by the House Natural Resources Committee tomorrow and then voted on by the House.

Why am I opposed? Because this rush to nullify over 250,000 signatures on a recent petition to protect our wolves, is undemocratic. I want the committee to understand that *at least* 250,000 constituents are asking that Michigander's vote on whether wolves, in our state, should be hunted for trophies. The wolves have just been de-listed and their small numbers do not need to be controlled. There are already policies in effect that allow for reimbursement to farmers and pet owners, if a wolves has killed livestock or pets. To date, there has not been one incident of a wolf killing a Michigander. So, I am left with asking why a small group of hunters should have the right to kill wolves via a trophy hunt when the vast majority of Michigander's oppose this hunt.

If this passes through the committee and on to the House, it is a slap in the face of Michigan voters and something we will remember in the future as we head back to the voting booth.

Thank you,

Marilyn Childers  
Clarkston, Michigan 48348

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** McNellis, James <jmcnelli@unoh.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 9:59 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** SB 288  
  
**Importance:** High

Hello Joy,

Thank you for all you do for the great state of Michigan. I rarely write to public officials but I am strongly opposed to the hunting of wolves or any acts of violence as a means of "population control". Please forward my opinion that I am vehemently opposed to SB 288! Thanks for hearing me out and for stating a voice for the voiceless (animals).

*Jim McNellis*

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## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Diana Hocking <dhocking@wowway.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 10:03 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** OPPOSE SB 288

Dear Ms. Brewer

Please, I respectfully request that you and the National Resource Committee oppose SB 288 which would allow precious Michigan wildlife to be stripped of vital protections, hunted and killed without allowing Michigan residents to provide their voice. Michigan residents have a history of desiring to protect their wildlife and we would appreciate our opportunity to have a voice in any important issue regarding them. It is not right nor is it morally or ethically permissible to over ride these rights. In fact, it should be unlawful.

One thing is for sure, it will be such a shame to see beautiful, majestic, innocent creatures such as the wolf, fall victim to such senseless atrocities as trophy hunting or being mercilessly and cruelly exhausted by helicopter chase then shot. Please continue to provide Michigan residents their say when it comes to the management of our beloved wildlife.

Thank you,

Diana Hocking

Michigan Resident and Registered Voter

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Catherine Parker <brinkleycourt@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 10:04 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** Comments on SB 288/HB 4552

Please consider these remarks as public comment:

We already have a science-based system (for wildlife management) that works. Under current law, legislators can designate a species as a game animal and the Natural Resource Commission, working with the DNR, will then decide whether or not there should be a hunting season and establish the rules and regulations governing the season. Endorsement of SB 288/HB 4552 will not augment that practice. The Natural Resources Commission is not a panel of wildlife experts, neither is the legislature, and both are subject to pressure from "special interest groups."

What's really troubling me is that our elected representatives are saying that voters are not equipped to make a decision on the wolf hunt, or on wildlife management issues in general, when in fact there are many highly specialized scientists and countless citizens who have devoted much time to studying these issues.

The larger point, of course, is that the Michigan state constitution does not stipulate that voters must be well-informed or immune to the influence of special interest groups in order to use the referendum process. If this were so, it could be argued that citizens were not competent to decide on *any* issue. I hope you can see this is a very dangerous idea.

With that, I must urge you to shelve SB 288/HB 4552, at least until after the November 2014 election. Failure to do so would send a message to your constituents that they no longer have the ability to challenge laws via the referendum process, since legislation could be easily be introduced, as in this case, that would invalidate their signatures.

Sincerely,

Catherine Parker  
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## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Brenda Shufelt <brendashufelt08@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 10:06 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer

Dear Joy Brewer,

Would you please make sure that the members of the Natural Resources Committee see the following:

My name is Brenda Shufelt. I am a registered voter in Michigan and live at 1005 Stanley Blvd., Birmingham, 48009.

For the following reasons I feel that SB 288 should not be voted out of committee or passed by the legislature into law. It infringes upon my democratic rights and gives away power to a group of appointed officials. That power now resides solely with an elected body - you- and your constituents -me..

1. SB 288 is trying to go around a current pending referendum (which happens to be about an animal). Although this is a simple statement on this ground alone this bill should be voted down.

2. In the past the NRC has done a decent job managing wild life. Now this Commission would be given a new more powerful role. In light of this, the way in which Commissioners are selected and the knowledge they would need to have, will be different. To make this a truly effective commission the following should be addressed in any legislative bill. It is nowhere to be found in SB 288.

a. It is important to look at which people would make up the NRC.

Because the wildlife is part of the public trust the background of the commissioners is important. It needs to reflect the views of the whole electorate not just one special interest.. How should Commissioners be chosen or possibly elected? This should be part of the bill.

b. To make good decisions about which animals should be placed on the game species list most, if not all, of the members, should have a good strong background in science and scientific management. As the Bill stands now the voters have no assurance that the Commissioners will have any knowledge in these disciplines.

c. Finally the board needs to have criteria to determine which animals should be put on the game species list. For example - The North American Model of Wildlife Management would be a good model to use. Whatever criteria is used, it should be a part of the bill.

To keep the good faith of the voters these issues need to be resolved.

The purpose of laws are not to prevent the voice of the people from being heard but to inspire the citizens of Michigan to have confidence that their elected officials are working for their rights and best interest.



## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Barbra - Gmail <basiam7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 10:06 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** SB 288

I am very very ANGRY about what is going on regarding this bill. For over 2 months myself and hundreds of other people gave up their weekends/weekdays and walked the streets in the freezing cold, went to various shows, attended concerts and so on and so on trying to acquire signatures to protect the wolf. Many or even most of the people that signed this had no idea of this bill and were furious when told about it and had some scathing words for those of you supporting it. There were many 4 letter expletives used.

I am very disappointed that you would use such backhanded tactics to get what you want. We collected over 250,000 signatures so that should give you some idea as far as what the people want. You are not even willing to let the people vote on it. Are you afraid that this bill would be defeated? Are you not here to represent the people? It is not your will but the will of the people who you are supposed to be representing. It doesn't seem that our government is for the people anymore. The legislators decide what they want and then will do whatever to get it. The people have told you that they want input and a say in their wildlife - it is not yours to do whatever you want with. You say scientists should have a say and maybe so but you don't listen to them. They have talked to you saying that it is too early for a hunt but what did the senate do but pass it disregarding the scientific input.

You care nothing about the pain being inflicted on innocent animals? It's supposed to be great fun to go and shoot or use snares or leg hold traps to maim or kill the animal after it suffers? Do you not care about inflicting pain. I thought of the leg hold traps when CNN was interviewing one of the victims whose leg was seriously injured. She said that she was in such pain that she requested that it be amputated. I thought of our legislators inflicting a similar pain to animals for fun. You should all be ashamed of yourselves. Have you not thought of what you are doing or don't you care?

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Testimony of the Kalamazoo County Humane Society  
IN OPPOSITION to HB 4552  
Before the House Committee on Natural Resources  
April 30, 2013

Chair LaFontaine, Vice Chair Rendon, Committee Members, thank you for allowing me to speak to you today on an issue that is important to me and to my organization. My name is Aaron Winters. I am the Executive Director of the Kalamazoo County Humane Society. The Kalamazoo County Humane Society is a 116-year-old organization that serves the public and animals in Southwest Michigan. Our mission is to foster an environment of respect, responsibility, and compassion for all animals through education, pet population control and leadership.

I am here today in opposition to House Bill 4552, a bill that would take away my rights and those of your other constituents to determine what happens to wildlife in our state. I was one of the over 250,000 people who signed the petition for the wolf referendum as well as one of the thousands of concerned citizens who collected petition signatures. I also worked on the 2006 mourning dove referendum, one of the most popular ballot measures in Michigan history. House Bill 4552 would negate our efforts and send a message of indifference to the voice of Michigan's residents.

It's disturbing to me that HB 4552 suggests a lack of concern for the wishes of the residents of this great state. The speed with which citizens organized when Public Act 520 listed wolves as a game species, and the outpouring of public support for the petition to place the Act to a referendum vote, demonstrates our citizens' passion for protecting wildlife. As a 30-year leader in the animal welfare field, I share the concerns of the many Michigan residents who wish to protect wildlife from needless killing and inhumane practices. Our concerns for Michigan's fragile wolf population have been validated by two highly respected wolf experts, Rolf Peterson and John Vucetich. These Michigan scientists have told the Department of Natural Resources that there is no scientific justification for a wolf hunt in Michigan.

HB 4552 would remove any say Michigan residents have in how Michigan's wildlife is treated and give that power to the Natural Resource Commission (NRC), a seven-member unelected regulatory body that is not accountable to the public and that has no requirement that the members have a scientific background. Of great concern to me is that on the initial issue of a proposed wolf hunt, the DNR and NRC sought input from Safari Club International, a big game/trophy hunting organization, and rejected the advice of our in-state wolf experts. At least the citizens of Michigan, including scientists and conservationists, currently have an avenue to reverse decisions such as the Act that listed wolves as a game species. HB 4552 would take away that right.

Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Dear Members of the House Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee:

I urge you to vote NO on Senate Bill 288 which would enable the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to designate any species as game. The NRC is an unelected appointed-by-the-Governor body. They have no public accountability. It is also important to mention that the NRC is formed by 7 members out of whom only one has a background in science or conservation. As with any other ballot referendum issue, Michigan voters have the right and responsibility to research the facts and pay attention to what scientist experts on the animals in question (wolves being those animals now) have to say in response to the concerns offered by those who want them hunted.

John Vucetich, Michigan Tech associate professor of wildlife ecology and co-director of the Isle Royale Wolf-Moose Study, submitted written testimony to be included in legislative hearings related to Senate Bill 288. Dr. Vucetich's letter talks about wildlife and other natural resources being part of the public trust and how these bills disrupt the democratic process, a right earned by all Michiganders. As stated in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Guiding Principles and Strategies: "The bountiful wildlife resources found on both Michigan peninsulas belong to all of the people of our state, including future generations." Over a quarter of a million Michigan voters signed a petition to allow the public to decide on the wolf hunting issue during the 2014 ballot. Senate Bill 288 would nullify this effort and would negate the will of the people.

Regarding human safety (one of the main concerns expressed by some legislators), Dr Rolf Peterson, who has been the lead biologist on Isle Royale studying wolves for decades, said during an interview by the Wolf Conservation Center that he doesn't believe the wolf population poses any real public safety threat to residents in the U.P. He states *"As long as you aren't leaving garbage or other food out that wolves can get into...you shouldn't have a problem. If there is a wolf hanging around your property, call the DNR and they will respond."* (To watch full interview go here: <http://nywolf.org/home?p=7183> ) Regarding other wolf-human conflicts, let's not forget that there are provisions in place that already allow ranchers, farmers and people that had livestock or dogs attacked by wolves to use lethal control methods to address those problem wolves. There is no true scientific need for a wolf hunting or trapping season.

I urge to look at the real facts, listen to the experts and protect Michigan voters' right to have a say on the fate of our wildlife. Please vote NO on Senate Bill 288.

Sincerely,

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## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Brenda Shufelt <brendashufelt08@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 10:08 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB 288 Natural Resources Committee

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From: Brenda Shufelt <brendashufelt08@gmail.com>  
Date: Mon, 29 Apr 2013 22:05:37 -0400  
Subject:  
To: [joybrewer@house.mi.gov](mailto:joybrewer@house.mi.gov)

Dear Joy Brewer,

Would you please make sure that the members of the Natural Resources Committee see the following:

My name is Brenda Shufelt. I am a registered voter in Michigan and live at 1005 Stanley Blvd., Birmingham, 48009.

For the following reasons I feel that SB 288 should not be voted out of committee or passed by the legislature into law. It infringes upon my democratic rights and gives away power to a group of appointed officials. That power now resides solely with an elected body - you- and your constituents -me..

1. SB 288 is trying to go around a current pending referendum (which happens to be about an animal). Although this is a simple statement on this ground alone this bill should be voted down.

2. In the past the NRC has done a decent job managing wild life. Now this Commission would be given a new more powerful role. In light of this, the way in which Commissioners are selected and the knowledge they would need to have, will be different. To make this a truly effective commission the following should be addressed in any legislative bill. It is nowhere to be found in SB 288.

a. It is important to look at which people would make up the NRC. Because the wildlife is part of the public trust the background of the commissioners is important. It needs to reflect the views of the whole electorate not just one special interest.. How should Commissioners be chosen or possibly elected? This should be part of the bill.

b. To make good decisions about which animals should be placed on the game species list most, if not all, of the members, should have a good strong background in science and scientific management. As the Bill stands now the voters have no assurance that the Commissioners will have any knowledge in these disciplines.

c. Finally the board needs to have criteria to determine which animals should be put on the game species list. For example - The North American Model of Wildlife Management would be a good model to use. Whatever criteria is used, it should be a part of the bill.

To keep the good faith of the voters these issues need to be resolved.

The purpose of laws are not to prevent the voice of the people from being heard but to inspire the citizens of Michigan to have confidence that their elected official are working for their rights and best interest.

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Joanna Tomacari <cottondog1@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 10:10 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** Vote NO on SB288

There is absolutely no biologic or scientific reason to justify a wolf hunt. The estimated number of wolves is already down and as noted, there is current legislation to allow elimination of any problem wolves which there are few. This is an assault on a species that is completely unjustified and is therefore an assault on the entire ecosystem.

Disruption of the Wolf pack thru cruel and inhumane trapping/hunting, can lead to further conflict with livestock. When will people learn that we are all interconnected and that one species depends on another. Wolves do not live independently but rather are part of the ecosystem and functioning of the ecosystem is dependent on the wolf. When will we learn?

This so called "hunt" has nothing to do with Wildlife Management, but rather Trophy hunting (Sport). In their natural habitat, wolves pose no threat. They prey mainly on sick and injured deer, snow shoe hares, rodents and other small animals. I have been walking in the woods with my dogs for 30+ years and have yet to encounter a wolf, though I would consider it a true privilege if I did! Wolves are a necessary component of our ecosystem and to annihilate them would be a grave mistake. It seems that true Wildlife Management in Michigan is becoming a thing of the past and in the process, Michigan voters rights are being taken away as we speak. This represents a loss of our relevancy as Michigan voters. We should all be fighting this! Our representatives are not supporting their constituents! I oppose SB288 and ask you to please vote NO on SB288.

Joanna Tomacari  
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Gwinn, Michigan 49841

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## Joy Brewer

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**From:** lindaholsa@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 10:10 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** SB288...oppose

Dear Ms. Brewer,

I am writing you to ask for your help to stop SB288. Please help to save our Michigan wildlife. We cannot betray efforts to protect Michigan wolves, doves and other endangered wildlife now. History will record our deeds at this crucial moment.

Please let the voters decide. Please do not succumb to pressure from constituencies that do not represent the people of Michigan. We cherish our wildlife. We cherish that we were the last state to have native wolves. The wolf population is declining...this is the time to protect that population. Please protect our beautiful dove song birds. Please protect our endangered wildlife.

Please let reason prevail.  
I will be watching what you do.  
Please don't let the voters down.

Sincerely,

Linda H. Holsapple  
281 Kercheval Ave.  
Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Kathy Gauthier <Kathy@irenes.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 10:13 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** SB 288

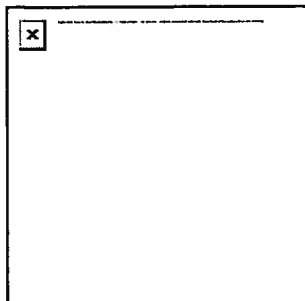
Dear ms Brewer,

I am strongly against SB 288. The public should have the right to vote on these hunting issues. With more than 250,000 signatures for a ballot initiative collected in just 67 days, it is clear how passionate people feel about this concern. Please help us to defeat this bill.

Thank you,

Kathleen Gauthier

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## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Robert West <yrdwlkr@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 10:15 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** SB 288

Hello Joy,

Please oppose SB 288. It is a cruel and unnecessary bill. Thank you.

Rob West



## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Noelle Grain <noelle.grain@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 10:38 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** SB 288

I am writing to urge you to keep the fate of the wolves and our other precious wildlife in the hands of RESIDENTS and not an unelected committee of 7. I vehemently oppose SB 288 and have let my representatives know.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Noelle Grain  
Royal Oak

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** smart <contactsmart@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 11:19 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** SB 288

Dear Chairman and Committee members,

I am a lifelong resident of Michigan. I have always held animals, life and nature in high regard. When the opportunity to stand up and speak out in defense of our wolves presented itself a few months ago, I, like so many other residents, jumped at the chance.

Throughout the process, every time I heard of someone saying we were having these beliefs 'forced upon us by an out of state organization,' it was like a slap in the face. I live here, and I **know** how I feel about wolves and Michigan wildlife.

After a brief feeling of happiness and success when, in a mere 67 days, over a quarter of a million registered voters signed petitions stating that they, too, wanted to see wolves protected, another slap in the face: the introduction of SB 288.

These bills will silence Michigan voters, and clearly go against everything Michigan residents want: the opportunity to have a say in what happens to the wildlife in our state. Voters have clearly spoken out in favor of putting this to a statewide vote in 2014 rather than leaving it to seven unelected committee members. Give voters what they want: **oppose SB 288**.

Thank you.

Kelli Marshall  
Ferndale, MI

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Alexis Antonelli Morris <alexis\_antonelli@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2013 8:29 AM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** SB 288

Ms. Brewer,

I am writing regarding Senate Bill 288 which I believe was discussed in the Natural Resources Committee meeting yesterday. I meant to make it to the meeting to read my statement but did not know about the date and time until now, but I am sending it along anyway:

I am a resident of Washtenaw County and feel this issue to be important enough to me that I'd like to express my opinion on it. I think that if more Michiganders knew about SB 288 there would be many more emails like this. Frankly, I believe that the legislator's role is to provide a voice to the people they represent, that is why we elect them and that is why we pay their salary with our tax dollars. Instead, Senate Bill 288 is a blatant and shameful attempt to silence the voices of residents and fellow legislators, particularly when residents worked extremely hard to get ¼ million signatures around the wolf issue to try to make their voices heard. It's undemocratic and unconstitutional. Michigan's wild animals are not owned by a select few people who should get to decide their fate and who clearly have an agenda. These animals are of great concern to the entire state. I strongly oppose Senate Bill 288 for these reasons and I ask that you do the same.

Sincerely,  
Alexis Antonelli Morris

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** EVA <ewawrowski@mi.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 5:02 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** I oppose Senate Bill 288 and House Bill 4552

**Importance:** High

I oppose Senate Bill 288 and House Bill 4552, which would allow the unelected Natural Resources Commission to add animals to the list of game species to be trophy hunted.

As a Michigan resident I am aware, my state's citizenry has actively exercised my right to protect animals through legislative referendums. If S 288 / H 4552 is adopted as proposed, this important democratic tool will not be available when the NRC determines the species targeted for recreational killing. And NRC could determine any species to be killed for the serial killer trophy hunters. From Morning Doves, to cats etc...

The Natural Resource Commissioners are not required to have any degrees in wildlife biology or management. They are mandated to use "sound science" in their decision-making process, however time and time again they vote to the whims of special interest trophy hunting groups--even at the expense of "sound science." When they collectively ignored the sound science that informed them of the association between baiting and feeding deer with increased TB transmission risk, they voted with ignorance, not "sound science," at the expense of wildlife and public health, lifting feeding bans so that hunters could have an easier time shooting deer in TB zones.

This bill was introduced to stop voters from having a say in wolf protection AND IT IS A POWER GRAB BILL THAT WOULD UNDERMINE MICHIGANDERS' LONGSTANDING RIGHT TO HAVE A SAY IN WHAT HAPPENS TO THE STATE'S WILDLIFE . More than 2,000 volunteers worked throughout this past winter to put wolf protection on the ballot. And more than 250,000 voters signed petitions. I'm a part of this effort, and join Michiganders from every corner of the state in simply asking for a NO vote on this important issue.  
REMEMBER WE ARE THE PEOPLE AND YOU ARE HIRED BY US AND TO LISTEN TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

I will not let this bill or anyone take away my voting rights!!!!

LIVONIA RESIDENT,  
EVA WAWROWSKI

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Wendy Jacques <[caninelover.wendy@gmail.com](mailto:caninelover.wendy@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 4:39 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** I oppose SB 288 / HB 4552.

Dear Ms. Brewer, Michigan Natural Resources Committee Clerk:

I oppose SB 288 / HB 4552. These bills will give decision-making power as to which animal species will be hunted for sport to an un-elected committee, the Natural Resources Committee. Those decisions should be made by elected officials in the Michigan Legislature who are accountable to the people of Michigan.

For the sake of our representative democracy, I oppose subject bills. Let's keep the decisions of which animal species will be hunted for sport to elected officials in the Michigan Legislature. Let the people have a say, through their elected legislators.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Wendy Jacques

A Concerned Citizen of Michigan

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## Joy Brewer

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**From:** David Severini <dave.severini@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 1:14 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** SB 288

My name is David Severini. I am a Michigan registered voter. I oppose Senate Bill 288. I believe the voters should still have a right to vote and choose which animals will be hunted. I find the board on the National Resources Committee to be an unscientific way of choosing animals to be hunted, as most of their backgrounds have nothing to do with environmental science, or wildlife science. One board member, Annoeskjka Steinman has a master's degree in natural resources management, who seems to be the only one who is remotely qualified to be making decisions that would effect Michigan's environment and wildlife. This does not seem like a qualified board as a whole to be making hunting decisions. At least 4 of these board members are hunters so it would seem there will be a biased opinion as to such a decision. So please take these points into consideration and oppose SB 288. Thank you,

David Severini  
25750 N. River Road  
Harrison Twp, MI 48045

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Hayley Sanchez <hsanchez@emich.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 12:16 PM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB 288

My name is Hayley Cameron. I am a Michigan registered voter. I oppose Senate Bill 288. I believe the voters should still have a right to vote and choose which animals will be hunted. I find the board on the National Resources Committee to be an unscientific way of choosing animals to be hunted, as most of their backgrounds have nothing to do with environmental science, or wildlife science. One board member, Annoeskjka Steinman has a master's degree in natural resources management, who seems to be the only one who is remotely qualified to be making decisions that would effect Michigan's environment and wildlife. This does not seem like a qualified board as a whole to be making hunting decisions. At least 4 of these board members are hunters so it would seem there will be a biased opinion as to such a decision. So please take these points into consideration and oppose SB 288.

Thank you,

Hayley Cameron

Hayley Cameron  
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Southgate, Mi 48195  
313-770-7260

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Barbra - Gmail <basiam7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 11:59 AM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** SB 288

I am very very ANGRY about what is going on regarding this bill. For over 2 months myself and hundreds of others gave up their weekends/weekdays and walked the streets in the freezing cold, went to various shows, attended concerts and so on and so on trying to acquire signatures to protect the wolf. We were following the laws that were in place. ( We didn't realize that the legislators would later try to defeat us by changing the laws in place.) Many or even most of the people that signed this petition had no idea of this original wolf hunting bill and were furious when told about it and had some scathing words for those of you supporting it. There were many 4 letter expletives used.

I am very disappointed that you would use such backhanded tactics to get what you want. We collected over 250,000 signatures so that should give you some idea as far as what the people want. You are not even willing to let the people vote on it. Are you afraid that this bill would be defeated? Are you not here to represent the people? It is not your will but the will of the people who you are supposed to be representing. It doesn't seem that our government is for the people anymore. The legislators decide what they want and then will do whatever to get it. The people have told you that they want input and a say in their wildlife - it is not yours to do whatever you want with. You say scientists should have a say and maybe so but you don't listen to them. They have talked to you saying that it is too early for a hunt but what did the senate do but pass it disregarding the scientific input.

You care nothing about the pain being inflicted on innocent animals? It's supposed to be great fun to go and shoot or use snares or leg hold traps to maim or kill the animal after it suffers? Do you not care about inflicting pain. I thought of the leg hold traps when CNN was interviewing one of the Boston bomber victims whose leg was seriously injured. She said that she was in such pain that she requested that it be amputated. I thought of our legislators inflicting a similar pain to animals for fun or money. What are the wealthy putting into your pockets to pass this bill? You should all be ashamed of yourselves. Have you not thought of what you are doing or don't you care? This is barbaric!

We have a dog that was beaten with a tire iron as a 5 month old puppy - breaking 2 legs and shattering her mouth. One of her legs had to be amputated. The person that did this is serving 4 years in prison for animal cruelty. You are practically doing the same thing by allowing people to inflict excruciating pain to animals. Is it okay since this is a wild animal as opposed to a pet? Or do you think they do not feel pain or most probably you don't care.

I hope you will find some compassion and will not vote to kill OUR wildlife. Every one has a right to life.

Remember you are representing us.

Barbara Michniewicz  
Whitmore Lake 48189



## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Lynnec121 <lynnec121@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 11:42 AM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** I oppose Oppose SB 228!!

Please protect the wolves and other wildlife thank you :-)

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Gerald Nordblom <gdnordblom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 11:33 AM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** SB 288

I am writing to express my disgust in the back handed way this legislation is being handled. More that 250,000 citizens of the state showed where they stood to sign petitions to force the initial wolf hunting bill onto a referendum ballot. Apparently, our "elected" officials don't care about the voice of the people.

The decision as to which species should be hunted should be determined by science not politics and the science says THAT THERE IS NO REASON TO HUNT WOLVES NOW. How stupid do you think we are that you could hide the fact that you want hunt wolves in this new bill?

If our elected officials from the UP can only think of hunting wolves as a way to help the local economy, It is time for the citizens there to actually elect officials that think on the people and not the hunting and gun lobbies? My question is how much did these special interest groups pay off Mr. Casperson and his flunkies?

Gerald D, Nordblom

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Olivia <manobisma@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 11:18 AM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB 288

My name is Olivia Sanchez. I am a Michigan registered voter. I oppose Senate Bill 288. I believe the voters should still have a right to vote and choose which animals will be hunted. I find the board on the National Resources Committee to be an unscientific way of choosing animals to be hunted, as most of their backgrounds have nothing to do with environmental science, or wildlife science. One board member, Annoeskjka Steinman has a master's degree in natural resources management, who seems to be the only one who is remotely qualified to be making decisions that would effect Michigan's environment and wildlife. This does not seem like a qualified board as a whole to be making hunting decisions. At least 4 of these board members are hunters so it would seem there will be a biased opinion as to such a decision. So please take these points into consideration and oppose SB 288. Thank you, Olivia Sanchez.

Olivia Sanchez  
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Harrison Township, MI  
(313) 205-2479



# Keep Michigan Wolves Protected

PO Box 81096, Lansing, MI 48908

[KeepWolvesProtected.com](http://KeepWolvesProtected.com)

My name is Ellie Hayes and I am the Campaign Manager for Keep Michigan Wolves Protected. I am honored to be here today on behalf of the volunteers who worked so hard on the referendum of Public Act 520, which designated the wolf as a game species.

This bill is not about the future of wildlife management. It is about putting the agenda of a few ahead of the will of the people.

I have here a list of volunteers who worked tirelessly on our signature gathering campaign. They devoted hours of their time, stood outside in sub-freezing temperatures until their fingers, toes and pens froze, took time away from their families, friends and jobs to stand up for something they believe in. It doesn't really matter whether you think wolves should be hunted or not. That isn't the issue here today. What matters is that these people, your constituents, were involved, engaged and active in the process and that process should be sacrosanct.

When Senator Casperson passed PA 520 he never imagined we would have time to gather enough signatures to qualify for the ballot. He was hoping a Michigan winter would keep us from achieving our goal. But he doesn't understand the tenacity of our volunteers. He underestimated how deep we were willing to dig or how much we were willing to sacrifice to let Michiganders decide whether or not wolves should be hunted.

Senator Casperson knows what every poll that was taken around the state says: Michiganders don't support a wolf hunt. That's why he is scrambling to take this issue away from the voters. That fact alone makes this a despicable act. Let me just say that again: the voters are with us and Senator Casperson is afraid we might win, so he is changing the rules of the game. That is despicable and it is un-American.

Denying these people the right to have their voice be heard is a slap in the face to democracy. It shows contempt for not just our volunteers, but the quarter of a million voters who signed our petition. When we start strategizing legislation to circumvent the people we go from a free nation to an oligarchy.

And this may seem like a small concession to you. Democracy is only taking a minor hit here; after all, people will still be allowed to vote for many other issues. But when Michiganders were given the right to referendum in the constitution it wasn't given for only SOME laws. Isn't this a slippery and dangerous slope where we start picking and choosing what issues voters are best able to understand, to comprehend? Today we decide that voters are not informed enough to make decisions about wildlife management, what is next? Are voters able to understand a tax levy for schools? Road improvements? School Board elections? Judges? Legislators? Democracy doesn't work like that. It can't work like that.

The people you seek to deny this right to referendum are sitting right here in this room and a quarter of a million of them are spread out in every corner of this state. They are Michiganders. They are voters and they deserve the right to have their day at the ballot box. To pass this law and circumvent that right is an egregious abuse of power and it should not be tolerated.

The following volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure the success of this campaign and their voices should not be silenced.

Ellie Hayes

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Lansing, MI 48906

1	Hassan Abdallah	48	Gretchen Baron
2	Marianne Abdoo	49	Barbara Bartel
3	Stephanie Aho	50	Karen S Bartels
4	Kelly Aiello	51	Sharon Bartle
5	Carol Akerlof	52	Irene Bartlett
6	Caitlin Al-Ansari	53	Barbara Barton
7	Carolyn Al-Qadi	54	Barbara Barton
8	Laura Aldridge	55	Geri Bateman
9	deann alex	56	Diane Baum
10	Amanda Allen	57	Johnathan Bayburn
11	Melody Allen	58	Deborah Beattie
12	Lesley Allred	59	Terry Beaver
13	Pamela Alvesteffer	60	Tiffany Beckman
14	Sue Alward	61	Gladys Beckwith
15	Christine Amaya	62	Charlene Beedle
16	Lee Anderson	63	Roger Beelen
17	Laura Anderson	64	Natasha Belisle
18	Robert Anderson	65	Jessica Bell
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46	Laura Barbour	93	Teresa Bolt
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97	Michelle Bos Morris	144	Chelsea Button
98	Cheryl Bottorff	145	Tierney Byrd
99	Sandra Bouunian	146	Enos William Cabinaw
100	Mary Bovin	147	Rachel Cable
101	Brendan Boyle	148	Amy Cahoon
102	Barbara Bradley	149	Barbara Calvetti
103	Sandy Braun	150	Lynn Campbell
104	Lisa Breck	151	Janis Campbell
105	Daniel Breltenback	152	Lynne Carmody
106	Lucia Brewer	153	Matthew Carpenter
107	Klaus Brewer	154	Ricky Carpenter
108	Meg Briarton	155	Jenny Carpenter McDonald
109	Sarah Briggs	156	Marilyn Carr
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138	Shayla Burman	185	joan christoff
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140	Carole Burrell	187	Shay Church
141	Doug Burroughs	188	Deanna Churchill-Bruzzar
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194	Arlene Clark	241	Bonnie Dawson
195	Sharon Clark	242	Joyce Dawson
196	Catherine Clark-Pellerito	243	Laura De Biasi
197	Arlene Clarke	244	Giuliana Deaconu
198	Kelly Cleaver	245	Dana DeBenham
199	Alan Coe	246	Spring DeBoer
200	Martha Cohen	247	April DeBruyne
201	Sandra Colacurti	248	Audrey Decker
202	Marcina Cole	249	Terri DeFilippo
203	Melba Coleman	250	Andrew DeGraw
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206	John Conway	253	Sandi DeHaan
207	Pamela Cook	254	James DeKruger
208	Carole Cook	255	Elaine Delaney
209	Norman Cook	256	Beth Delaney
210	Bonnie Cook	257	James Delcamp
211	Eden Cooney	258	Carole DeLosier
212	Julie Copley	259	Michael Delp
213	Thomas Coppock	260	Jaime Delp
214	Jannan Cornstalk	261	Sharon Deming
215	Diane Corrigan-Calley	262	connie dennis
216	James Coryell	263	Tera Dent
217	Harry Cotterill Jr.	264	Alyce Depree
218	Joan Cottrell	265	Mike Depue
219	Gale Cox	266	Vivian Dermyer
220	Gail Craven	267	Lorri Deshon
221	Linda Cree	268	Nancy Deverell
222	Aimee Cree-Dunn	269	Todd Devolver
223	Micheal Cromley	270	Mandolynn DeVries
224	Brenda Crook	271	Austin DeWeese
225	Jo Ellen Crossett	272	Jessica Dietz
226	Alexis Crosswell	273	Jessie Dijkstra
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230	Georgia Curry	277	Sophia DiPietro
231	Patricia Czarnecki	278	John Ditzhazy
232	Shelley Czeizler	279	Jeanne Dodd
233	Robert Cade Dahmen	280	Gary Dolinshek
234	Monique Dalton	281	David Dominic
235	Marilyn Daniels	282	Mallory Donick
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**Subject:** Wolf Hearing

My name is Beth Rhodes I'm here to urge you to vote no on SB 288.  
It's clear by the more than 253,000 signatures gathered from citizens of Michigan that the voters want and deserve a chance to be heard on this issue.

To allow the NRC to overturn the voice of the people of Michigan is absurd.

Laws regarding the hunting of any species especially one that has just been taken off the Endangered Species list, need to be made by the all of the people of Michigan.  
Not 7.

Thank you.

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Annie Smolinski <anniesmolinski@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 10:56 AM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** SB288 testimony - Ann Smolinski

"Hi. My name is Annie, I am a lifelong Michigan citizen, and a believer in America and our ideals of freedom and the rights of the people. This winter I helped collect signatures to put PA 520 to a referendum vote on the 2014 Ballot. This was the first time in my 50 years that I have been involved in this kind of political involvement. I have always voted, and believe in our government system.

Many of us Michigan citizens stood for hours in freezing temperatures collecting signatures for this referendum because we love and believe in America, and in Michigan. We believe in our right to vote and have a say in the decisions in our state. I'm here today because I am asking you to vote NO on Senate Bill 288 (and House Bill 4552). SB 288 (and HB 4552) is a deliberate attempt to circumvent the constitutional rights of the voters of Michigan. This bill would nullify the efforts of conservationists, native American tribes, scientists, and animal welfare interests, and give too much power to a politically appointed panel of 7 people in our state without any public input or voter oversight EVER!!

This bill is trying to go around a current pending referendum, and the will of over 250,000 Michigan registered voters.. SB 288 and HB 4552 are being fast tracked, and many people are waking up and asking why is it being fast tracked? As I spoke with many Michigan residents, they are outraged at this, they are losing their trust in our Michigan politicians, and political system - Even people like me that have loved and trusted our government, are outraged and saddened on how our government is acting in a corrupt and divisive way for special interests.

Jack Lessenberry said "Taking away the people's right to hold a referendum on this is unfair and undemocratic, and this is what Senator Casperson want to do"

SB 288 is an obvious attempt to prevent Michigan citizens from being able to conduct a constitutionally-guaranteed right to ballot referendum.

Michigan citizens are smart enough and interested enough to hear the facts, and make informed decisions. Do you believe this? If it is put into the hands of the NRC, let's look at the makeup of the NRC. Does the NRC fairly reflect the view of the whole electorate? No, it does not. As I have followed some of the members over the years, I have read quotes that show their affinity for hunting, looking forward to their next opportunity to hunt something, and one person even saying their most cherished accomplishment was something that he killed. It is too hard for these people to make an unbiased decision.

As a home school parent, I would not want the decision of whether I can legally home educate my child, to be left in the hands of the Michigan Education Association which has a vested interest in children being in the public school system. I am smart enough to know what is right for my child's education. In the same manner, Michigan voters can be educated and make wise decisions on referendum PA 520. I see this kind of power being put in the hands of the NRC which has a majority of members that cherish hunting, the same as giving abortion doctors governing authority on abortion regulations, or the pharmaceutical companies authority over pharmaceutical regulations, or the MEA over the right to homeschool. No the NRC should not have the extensive governing authority that SB 288 and HB 4552 give them.

Because wildlife is part of the public trust, the decision to name game species should not be the sole prerogative of the legislature. The board needs to have scientific criteria to determine what animals should be put on the game species list before the bill is passed. The proponents of SB 288/HB 4552 are saying that the wolves are hurting the deer population, and not allowing human hunters the ability to hunt. I find this interesting, because deer hunting has been promoted as a way to keep the deer population down. But this is what the DNR says on Deer population:

The DNR reported on April 22, 2013 regarding the Upper Peninsula deer population: precipitation late in the season resulted in above-average snow depths that are continuing well into spring. These conditions are challenging deer in the region, and are expected to lead to lower survival and fawn recruitment rates than seen during the last few years. Winter conditions are a significant factor for the U.P.'s deer herd.

U.P. deer are showing visible signs of winter fatigue, including thin body conditions and lethargic behavior. Biologists have already received reports of deer mortalities.

Population indices indicate that the deer population across the region experienced a low in 2009 following two consecutive harsh winters. " end DNR quote

So blaming wolves for the decrease in the UP deer population is unfounded.

John Vucitech: "One reason given for the proposed wolf harvest is to protect human and/or livestock safety. These threats, when they occur, must be dealt with swiftly, precisely, thoroughly and immediately. Protecting human and/or livestock cannot wait until the upcoming hunting season, with a hope that some hunter has the good fortune to kill the offending wolf. If genuine concerns are dealt with appropriately then offending and potentially offending wolves would either be dead or living with plenty of fear of humans by the time the next hunting season rolls around. Thus, a wolf hunt is not an appropriate way to promote human and/or livestock safety in any appreciable manner".

Ethical hunters do not hunt for hatred; honorable hunters support wolves for the role they play in maintaining healthy ecosystems.

I also believe in the adage "you reap what you sow".

When the citizens of Michigan realize that their voice has been suppressed due to this bill, when they realize that their voting rights have negated due to this bill, the legislators who voted for this undemocratic bill will reap the negative consequences of their actions from their voting constituents.

No citizen will sit back and allow their democratic voice to be silenced.

No citizen will sit idly by (or: quietly) and witness their rights be trampled by their own elected officials.

No citizen will allow their beautiful and hard fought democracy to become ugly, bureaucratic feudalism.

If our politicians are taking away our rights, could they possibly be setting a precedence to have their own individual rights being taken away, as our beautiful democracy erodes due to the actions of SB 288. This kind of unethical action in SB 288 will effect the state of Michigan in ways we may not even be able to see right now if you believe in what we sow, we reap.

I use to believe that the politicians, who are now pushing SB 288 through listened to their constituents, that these, most republican, politicians did not believe in more government control, that they believed in smaller government, the voice of the people, the basic right to vote.

Your action on SB 288 will shout loud and clear whether you believe in a

"Government **of the people**, by the **people**, and for the **people**."

or a

"Government **of, by, and for** bureaucrats and special interests."

democracy, hunting and humanity is at stake.

April 30, 2013

To the House Natural Resources Committee:

I have been an endangered species biologist for over 20 years and have lived and worked most of my life in Michigan. I have a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management from MSU and a Master's Degree in Ecology and Organismal Biology from EMU. I am here to speak in opposition of SB 288. My opposition has nothing to do with hunting, but rather with the democratic process, the misrepresentation of the word scientific in the "Scientific Wildlife Management Bill", and the lack of Tribal consultation in the process of developing this bill. I am here as a citizen of Michigan and represent only myself.

My first objection to this bill is giving the Natural Resources Commission the authority to designate game species in Michigan. As I understand it, the listing of a species by the Natural Resources Commission is immune to public referendum due to the Commission being politically appointed versus elected. This legislation circumvents the democratic process that allows the citizens of Michigan to vote on proposed game species should we feel the need to do so. This is especially suspect given the pending referendum on the wolf hunt. The recent submittal of over 250,000 signatures to put the proposed wolf hunt on the 2014 ballot demonstrates that the citizens of Michigan do indeed care about wildlife. This bill is a blatant attack on our democratic process and to be frank, I find it very distressing that some in elected office would try to legislatively circumvent our democratic process. We as citizens of Michigan must retain the right of public referendum as a check and balance against special interest groups. All citizens of Michigan should have an equal voice in this issue, not just a few. Each one of us are stewards of this land.

My second objection concerns the title of the bill, which is Scientific Wildlife Management. I believe this is misleading language geared toward confusing the uninformed into thinking there is a scientific foundation for the bill. Of the six current members of the Natural Resources Commission, the only person who has any experience even remotely related to wildlife

management is the Director of a nature center. The members of the Commission have distinguished careers in their chosen fields and I honor them for that. However, I do not believe that the Natural Resources Commission was created to hold the responsibility of designating game species nor are they qualified to make such decisions.

My third objection concerns the language of the bill and the exclusion of the Tribes in the decision making process. The Inland Consent Decree of 2007 provides for consultation between the State of Michigan and the five Tribes under the 1836 Treaty. I am not a Tribal Law expert but I share excerpts from part 23.4, Section 23, titled CONSULTATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION:

#### Part 23.4

The State and the Tribes shall notify each other at least annually of proposed regulatory changes before they take effect and seek to resolve any concerns arising from such changes before implementing them.

I would like to ask how the Tribal Governments are responding to this proposed legislation, particularly those who are signatories of the 1836 Treaty to which the Inland Consent Decree applies.

I would like to conclude with these thoughts. Game species are spoken of as a commodity, treated more like agricultural crops ready for harvesting than as the wild beings that they are. I have been blessed to have spent many years in the field with endangered animals. I have learned about their lives in very intimate ways, by physically being with them and watching what their world is like on a daily basis. This is something I could never do sitting in an office in front of a computer. We have become more detached from the natural world and are losing our awareness of and connection to the other Beings we share this land with. What is a game species? Who defines this? There are diverse opinions about which animals we allow to be killed in the name of hunting. Some are based in science such as wildlife management or

population ecology, some are based on personal moral and ethical beliefs. All are valid. We as a civilized society sort this out through the democratic process. I believe the wildlife that share this land with us deserve to be respected and honored, and this Bill does neither. Nor does it honor the voice of the citizens of Michigan and our democratic process.

I am opposed to SB 288 and request that you vote no on this bill.

Respectfully,

Barbara J. Barton, M.S., 1500 Indiana Ave., Lansing, MI 48906



## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Beth <peppercat@fastmail.fm>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 10:41 AM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** To the House Natural Resources Committee

Dear Ms. Brewer,

Please include the following as testimony at today's Natural Resources Committee meeting.

Dear Natural Resources Committee members,

Please vote no on SB 288. This is an extremely undemocratic bill that was introduced expressly to circumvent Michigan voters' right to referendum. This bill seeks to silence Michigan citizens, and put all power over our wildlife in the hands of a politically appointed commission.

Please uphold voters' rights, and oppose SB 288.

Sincerely,  
Beth Delaney  
310 College Street #2  
Ferndale, MI 48220

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<http://www.fastmail.fm> - Does exactly what it says on the tin

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Kristen Furseth <fursethk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 10:35 AM  
**To:** Joy Brewer; scott  
**Subject:** SB 288

Ms Brewer ad Committee,

I would like to have my opposition to SB288 officially recorded. Also for the record I am not pro-or anti hunting, although I am against trapping and using bait as that is not "sport hunting". However, it is of my opinion that hunting should be used for controlling overpopulation, address herd health issues and or to address the potential of those issues.

- 1) This amendment circumvents current democracy process in place of allowing the constituents a ballet referendum. Specifically the current pending referendum and also sets precedents for the future. This gives precedent to our lawmakers to be able to have all the control in making laws by reducing the checks and balances that constituents currently have. Checks and balances are essential to democracy which is why our founding fathers structured our government with them on all levels of decision making.
- 2) The People of Michigan currently do not have the opportunity to elect who is on this board and will most likely be people who are associates with the those who appoint them. The board needs to be comprised of wildlife biologist, naturalist, ecological subject matter experts who can discern if information and statistical evidence is factual when presented for items and issues that are being addressed.
- 3) Over 50 % of the livestock killed by wolfs is supposedly from 1 farm and the total number of livestock killed in low and significantly lower than livestock death by other means in total. Farmers already has the ability to address the situation with legal killing of the offending wolfs. Perhaps the State should increase the compensation of a killed animal is "like kind" for the age and health so that farmers are not financially harmed. It is my understanding, in all the other states this is the case and only in Michigan the farmer is reimbursed at a lower standard. I am not understanding why that farmers are not asking for this change as this would benefit them greatly.
- 3) The wildlife is part of the public trust and should be treated such. Decisions should not be made that benefit one small group (percentage wise) to the determinant of the majority of the people.
- 4) It saddens me personally that this action of diminishing our democracy process continues the perception that Michiganders are ignorant people. Who would want to come and vacation in a state with those kind of people?? When I travel around the country and around the world, I am often asked about Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols and how is it to live where those kind of people come from. I point out that only Terry Nichols was from Michigan but boy would it be grand this state did things to break that perception instead of perpetrating it.

Please read this to the committee. I can be reached at 517-930-3154

Regards,

Kristen Furseth

3. Say that the NRC has done a decent job managing deer population (give them credit for something) BUT this is a new power that they would be given. And because of this new power:

- a. Emphasize that they need to look at the makeup of the NRC and if it fairly reflects the views of the whole electorate not just one point of view. How should this commission be chosen or elected? This should be part of the bill.
- b. Emphasize that they need to have commission members that have a good understanding of what scientific management is all about if they are going to be choosing game species.
- c. Emphasize that the board needs to have criteria to determine which animals should be put on the game species list. This criteria should be a part of the bill.

4. Or you might argue because wildlife is part of the public trust, therefore the decision to name game species should be the sole prerogative of the legislature. The electorate needs to have the rights they are entitled to during the legislative process and after a law is passed.

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Kristen Furseth

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Sandra Giardini <sandigiardini@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 10:30 AM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** Fwd: Oppose SB 288 / HR 4552

From: Sandra Giardini

Dearborn, MI

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**From:** Sandra Giardini <sandigiardini@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 30, 2013 at 10:20 AM  
**Subject:** Oppose SB 288 / HR 4552  
**To:** [joybrewer@house.mi.gov](mailto:joybrewer@house.mi.gov)

I am a long-time Michigan voter who is deeply concerned about how the wildlife of our state is managed. I have a Master of Environmental Science degree, and have a deep respect for nature's ability to regulate itself. When the declining population of wolves was added to the game species list during the lame-duck session, I volunteered to collect well over a thousand signatures for a referendum to repeal this ill-conceived and sneaky legislation. Now the legislature is attempting to nullify our efforts, claiming that an unelected body of seven decision-makers beholden to trophy hunting interests will make "scientific" and "unemotional" decisions on wildlife. Not only is that completely untrue, but our democratic rights are getting stomped on in the process! Please - do the right thing and kill this outrageous bill!

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Sunday Harvie <sundayharvie@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 10:30 AM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** Oppose SB288 / HB 4552....allowing NRC to decide game species

**RE: OPPOSE SB 288 / SB 4552 Allowing Natural Resources Commissioners to decide game species**

I would like to express my strong opposition to SB 288. **I find it an appalling piece of legislation on many levels**

1. The idea of our elected officials giving up authority to a commission on anything, whether it be animals, people or insurance, is wrong. You were elected to office so the legislature should not designate authority to a non elected body.
2. The idea of 7 unelected people deciding for all of the citizens of Michigan which animals will be hunted is not representational government. And having no opportunity for referendum as our constitution provides is not democratic.
3. The idea of sound science coming from the Natural Resources Commission when only one commissioner has any background in science or conservation is not credible. Their hobbies are hunting and fishing...they have never met an animals they didn't want to hunt and kill.
4. As far as the public having input with the NRC's decision making, it depends on who you are. When the public, scientists and conservationists have offered input that varies from the NRC or DNR's proposed hunting proposals, they are most often ignored in NRC meetings. Yet, input from the M.U.C.C, Safari Club and NRA are looked upon far more favorably.
5. Thousands of Michigan residents have spent countless hours collecting signatures in a referendum campaign opposing the hunting of Michigan gray wolves. This is their legal right under the Michigan Constitution.
6. Because wildlife is part of the public trust, therefore the decision to name game species should be the sole prerogative of the legislature. The electorate needs to have the rights they are entitled to during the legislative process and after a law is passed.

Not only do I believe in our representational government, I also strongly believe in the people's right of referendum. The passage of this bill would be a subversion of democracy.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. R. Harvie  
3035 S. Hickory Ridge Trail  
Milford, MI 48380

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Brenda Shufelt <brendashufelt08@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 9:51 AM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** testimony on SB 288

Dear Committee Clerk Joy Brewer,

I shall be attending today's meeting of the House Natural Resources Committee and would like to submit this testimony in advance. I hope to be able to present this in person at this meeting. I also sent another testimony that I would like to present at the same time.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely, Brenda Shufelt, 1005 Stanley Blvd., Birmingham, 48009

When I go to the ballot box to cast my vote I think carefully about two things. Does this candidate best reflect my views about issues facing the government? Equally important I ask myself will this person hold to a set of values and ethics that I trust will help him/her to decide whether or not this legislation coming before him/her is the right thing to do.

You could pass SB 288 because it is your legal right to do so or are there other ethical issues that need to be considered based on the way the Bill is written and the timing of the Introduction of the Bill?

Was SB 288 written to get around a pending animal referendum thus limiting the power of the people to exercise their power at the ballot box? If so, does this raise the question is it right to vote for this Bill?

SB 288 taking away some of the power of the people. If this power is part of the system of checks and balances how can the newly lost power of the people be enhanced in other ways. How should this be included in SB 288?

Is this Bill well thought out so that the voices of all the people Michigan are represented on the Commission? We all hold the wildlife as part of the public trust.

Can the people of Michigan feel confident that there is a fair set of standards that will reflect the best practices of scientific management and which animals should be placed on the game species list? How is this incorporated in the Bill?

I ask you to also consider these ethical issues when deciding to vote for or against SB 288. Could a better bill be written that would answer some of the issues raised above?

When your constituents ask you why you voted for or against this bill will your answer reflect your thoughtful merits of the Bill as well as the implied moral and ethical reasons for doing so?

Thank you,

Brenda Shufelt

## Joy Brewer

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**From:** Jeanne Dodd <jdodd5@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 9:39 AM  
**To:** Joy Brewer  
**Subject:** Testimony on Senate Bill 288

As a registered voter in the State of Michigan, I respectfully submit the following testimony to the House Natural Resources Committee for its hearing today at noon:

"Every government degenerates when trusted to the rulers of the people alone. The people themselves are its only safe depositories."

### Letters of Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson was an outspoken advocate of legislative referendum, recognizing that governmental power derives solely from its people.

Senate Bill 288 would have the effect of taking away from the citizens of Michigan the power of legislative referendum. I urge the legislature to consider this implication to our democratic process, and follow the more conservative approach of voting against this bill.

Jeanne Dodd  
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